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Before the Energy and Technology Committee

In Support of

S.B. No. 10 AN ACT CONCERNING CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION

S.B. 92 AN ACT PERMITTING TEN-YEAR CONTRACTUAL PERIODS FOR THE
TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN IN ZERO-EMISSION SCHOOL BUSES

In Opposition to

H.B. No. 5118 AN ACT CONCERNING WASTE MANAGEMENT AND ANAEROBIC
DIGESTION

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Senator Needleman, Representative Arconti, and other members of the Energy and Technology Committee, my name is Tom Swan, and I am the Executive Director of the Connecticut Citizen Action Group (CCAG). On behalf of our thousands of member families I want to thank you for giving us the opportunity to weigh in on several bills today.

CCAG supports S.B. No. 10 AN ACT CONCERNING CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION. Codifying zero-carbon electricity supplied to the state by 2040 is a good step and should pass. Much more needs to be done to move us away from fossil fuels so Connecticut can take the leadership role in combatting climate change that we need to. We hope more of these steps will be considered in subsequent public hearings.

CCAG also supports S.B. 92 AN ACT PERMITTING TEN-YEAR CONTRACTUAL PERIODS FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN IN ZERO-EMISSION SCHOOL BUSES. This is a smart policy in terms of removing a big barrier to using EV buses. It also is an environmental justice and public health issue.

CCAG strongly opposes H.B. No. 5118 AN ACT CONCERNING WASTE MANAGEMENT AND ANAEROBIC DIGESTION. We oppose the proposal to permit the injection of biogas (or other items like hydrogen) into the gas distribution system. We

support anaerobic digestion, but believe it should be built where it can be used locally and not injected into leaky pipelines.

We also disagree with diluting the Class 1 requirement in the RPS by 4% as the bill proposes.

Thank you for your time and consideration.